



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GET GEORGIA READING DAY

- WHEREAS: Reading proficiency is driven by early brain development, language-rich interactions that begin at birth, supportive learning environments both at home and school, preventing learning loss during summer months, and physical and emotional health; and
- WHEREAS: Students with strong reading and literary comprehension skills acquire academic foundations that prove beneficial long after high school graduation. For this reason, Georgia's leaders are working to address critical education issues that affect students statewide, with a focus on reading comprehension and proficiency; and
- WHEREAS: Initiated in 2013, the Get Georgia Reading Campaign has developed a common agenda which establishes a framework for action that ensures all Georgia students are on the path to proficient reading by the end of third grade; and
- WHEREAS: The campaign, initiated through a partnership between state and community officials, offers four research-based pillars to provide children the necessary tools for literary success. The four pillars include language nutrition, access, positive learning climate, and teacher preparation and effectiveness. By addressing these key concerns as they relate to a student's reading comprehension skills, state and local leaders are challenging conventional approaches, establishing new cross-sector collaborations, and supporting collective action in communities across Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Through the extensive efforts by those active with the Get Georgia Reading Campaign, state leaders are better able to identify and address the needs of the 1 million children under the age of 9 living in Georgia; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2017, as GET GEORGIA READING DAY and encourage all Georgia students to further develop their passion for reading.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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